

COMMITTEE: STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

LOC./TIME: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS: Ramon L. Knox, Rebecca Opsata, Mildred Lewis, Atiya Rashada, Balamurali (Bala)

Sampathraj, Dettie Del Rosario, Larena Baldazo, Derek Lee, Clifton Coleman, Suzan Tiemroth-Zavala, Janelle Tillotson, Terrance Greene, Mark Fields, Joseph Koroma, Sarah Backes-Diaz, Nia Ford, Katrina Santos, Precious Gerardo, Chris Weidenbach, Elizabeth Wadell, Jasai

Martinez, Bilal Homran

ABSENT: Atiya Rashada, Balamurali (Bala) Sampathraj, Dettie Del Rosario, Larena Baldazo, Mark

Fields, Sarah Backes-Diaz, Precious Gerardo, Jasai Martinez, Bilal Homran

NOTETAKER: Hope Lane & Jessica Liu (All meetings will be recorded for notetaking purposes)

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AGENDA ITEM	GOAL/DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Review and Approve Agenda (5 Minutes)	<ul> <li>Ramon Knox suggested changing the time of the meeting as there seems to be issues with meeting quorum.</li> <li>Rebecca Opsata agreed that Wednesday is a very busy time and that if they want to change the time, they will need to inform College Council.</li> <li>Ramon Knox asked to amend the agenda.</li> <li>Add Student Loan Default Prevention Committee Update as Agenda Item VII.</li> <li>Update the committee member list to reflect the new VP of Business Administration Dettie Del Rosario.</li> <li>Rebecca Opsata 1st, Suzan Tiemroth-Zavala 2nd.</li> </ul>	Majority passes, agenda was approved.
II. Review and Approve Notes (5 Minutes) → February 2 & March 2, 2022	<ul> <li>February 2, 2022 Minutes: Chris Weidenbach 1<sup>st</sup>, Katrina Santos 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>March 2, 2022 Minutes: Rebecca Opsata 1<sup>st</sup>, Elizabeth Wadell 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>February 2, 2022 Minutes: 2 abstentions, majority passes, minutes were approved.</li> <li>March 2, 2022 Minutes: 1 abstention, majority passes, minutes were approved.</li> </ul>
III. Enrollment Update (10 Minutes) →Co-Chair Becky Opsata	<ul> <li>Rebecca Opsata presented the Enrollment Update.</li> <li>Enrollment is down for the late start classes.</li> </ul>	•



- ❖ Down 6% FTES & enrollment compared to April 2021.
- Better compared to the other Peralta Colleges.
- Chris Weidenbach asked if there was shared/common reason for the lack of enrollment across the Peralta Colleges.
  - ➤ Has there been any district discussion?
- Ramon Knox responded he hasn't been informed or attended any district meetings of such.
  - Added his understanding and assumption for the decline is due to several reasons one of which is the related to the quality of classes.
    - Current classes are not responding to the current needs of the students and educational trends.
    - Students are not as interested in the offerings at community colleges.
- Mildred Lewis added that the students now prefer and want more remote and online services and instruction.
  - Stated the customers for the college has changed.
  - Added that the colleges haven't fully adapted to the need of the students.
  - Will need data to determine and plan for course of action.
  - Mentioned that the Enrollment Services Department is planning to release a survey to better understand student needs and wants.
  - Added this is happening to many community colleges, while some 4 years college such as UC Berkeley enrollment demand continues to increase.
- Terrance Greene asked about the 50% inperson class decision and if it was a district wide mandate.
  - Rebecca Opsata responded that it was not a decision made by the District, each college determines it.
- Chris Weidenbach added there was a survey to be released by the District to get data on



IV. SEM Plan 2018-2021	<ul> <li>Added he is unsure if the survey was released to the students yet.</li> <li>Mentioned he made requests to distribute the survey to past students (a few years back).</li> <li>Mildred Lewis spoke of the current neoliberalism of higher education and training exampling the cheaper and quick option of Google Certifications.</li> <li>Students like being able to choose between synchronous and asynchronous classes.</li> <li>Need to create a list that quantifies and details how long does it take to get a certificate or degree at Laney College.</li> <li>Janelle Tillotson added that thought virtual classes are a popular choice it doesn't translate into students completing or doing well in the class.</li> <li>Many are Zoomed out and tired of looking at the computer screen for their classes.</li> <li>Terrance Greene asked about the number of cancellations for late start classes.</li> <li>Rebecca Opsata responded it was around 10% and it was due to low enrollment, which was the average/usual amount.</li> <li>Rebecca Opsata showed the excel sheet for</li> <li>Motion to approve the</li> </ul>
Summary Discussion - Update (25 Minutes) → Workgroups	the SEM Plan 2018-2021 Summary.  Reviewed what the committee members have added so far.  Mentioned it is almost finished and it will be bundled together to present to College Council.  Ramon Knox asked about the FTES/FTEF number of 1.7 for the Productivity Tab.  Is this number an attainable goal?  Perhaps change to use the fill rates for the next SEM Plan?  Terrance Greene asked what does the 17.5 FTES number translate to (how many actual seats).



V. SEM Plan 2021-2023: Approach, Strategic and Practices: Review and Discuss (40 Minutes) → Workgroups	<ul> <li>▶ Rebecca Opsata said it equals to 35 students to 1 classroom.</li> <li>▶ Mildred Lewis added the number is the golden spot/break even spot.</li> <li>Chris Weidenbach provided context stating that usually it would be 30 students per class.</li> <li>▶ The increase of 5 students was due to the lack of a functioning waitlist.</li> <li>▶ Suggested removing it as it hurts the teachers and enrollment.</li> <li>Rebecca Opsata explained the number was determined by the district's contract.</li> <li>Rebecca Opsata presented and reviewed the next Excel Sheet tab (5-Cooperative District Schedule).</li> <li>Rebecca Opsata presented and reviewed the next Excel Sheet tab (6-SCFF).</li> <li>Rebecca Opsata asked for the committee's approval to finalize the SEM Plan 2018-2021</li> <li>Summary to forward to College Council.</li> <li>▶ Motion: Chris Weidenbach 1st, Mildred Lewis 2nd.</li> <li>Ramon Knox shared the working document for the SEM Plan 2021-2023.</li> <li>Ramon Knox presented a question to the committee about the work and purpose of SEM.</li> <li>▶ What are the primary purposes for growing FTES?</li> <li>Committee members provided responses to the question.</li> <li>▶ Rebecca Opsata: Serving our students.</li> <li>▶ Mildred Lewis: Business plan, education is a business.</li> <li>▶ Loseph Koroma: Funding</li> </ul>	
	<ul><li>Mildred Lewis: Business plan, education</li></ul>	



	<ul> <li>Ramon Knox: end intergenerational poverty, increase semblance of hope</li> <li>Ramon Knox added to the conversation: How to remain viable to the community &amp; workforce.</li> <li>Business depends on the customers (students)</li> <li>Important to hear and respond to the needs of the students.</li> <li>Janelle Tillotson spoke about the essence of a community college and added its purpose is to serve its community.</li> </ul>	
VI. Updates/Other (5 Minutes)	•	•
VII. Student Loan Default Prevention Committee Update (5 Minutes) → Dir. Jennifer Ma	<ul> <li>Jennifer Ma presented the updates for the Student Loan Default Prevention Committee.</li> <li>Stated Clifton Coleman provided the data of the most recent cohorts (2018-2019).</li> <li>Looked at the data to understand the trends and causes for student default.</li> <li>Data set was very small.</li> <li>Hard to determine commonality, causes, and trends.</li> <li>Mildred Lewis spoke about the training opportunities offered by the Department of Education.</li> <li>Department of Education sent out invitations.</li> <li>Mildred Lewis spoke about creating an integrated default plan.</li> <li>Looking at the data from other colleges, like Contra Costa College.</li> <li>Joseph Koroma added they will be making a request to add a CTE faculty and a student representative to the committee.</li> <li>Will make the request to College Council.</li> <li>Added CTE students have higher rates of defaulting.</li> <li>Spoke of the need for more data.</li> </ul>	Add to the next meeting agenda, Request from the Student Loan Default Prevention Committee to have 2 new positions: CTE Faculty and Student Representative.
VIII. Adjournment	Mildred Lewis 1 <sup>st</sup> , Janelle Tillotson 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Meeting adjourned 12:02

#### **UPCOMING SEM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- April 20, 2022
- May 4, 2022